

# RABID DOG FOUND

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**RABID: . . .** This terrier owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber of 4346 West 176th street, has rabies. It ran away from home Tuesday but was located in Hawthorne Wednesday. Anyone knowing of an animal or child bitten by this dog should contact the L. A. County Health Department, Torrance office, at once (FA. 8-3310).

## Terrier Missing Since Tuesday

A rabid Torrance dog, which escaped from its home Tuesday, was picked up on York street in Hawthorne by the Yukon Humane society, according to an official of the L. A. County Health Department, Torrance branch.

The dog definitely showed signs of rabies. It had not yet been determined whether it had bitten other animals or humans since it was reported missing.

### Deadly

The danger of a rabid dog on the loose is that it will bite dogs or humans, causing rabies in both. The other dogs may then continue the cycle, according to Dr. Benjamin Kogan, district health officer.

Rabies is always deadly. It can be stopped in humans only through timely Pasteur treatment, consisting of a series of painful shots into the abdominal region.

The Torrance dog was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Grieshaber of 4346 West 176th street, Torrance.

The dog was possibly in a dog fight about a month ago, returning home with a deep puncture wound on the bridge of its nose. Symptoms of rabies started Saturday, when the dog began vomiting. By Monday it refused to eat and its lower jaw dropped. It began flicking its tongue in and out of its mouth.

### Fox Terrier

The dog, largely fox terrier, is black, brown and white, weighs about 30 pounds, and is eight years old.

Symptoms indicative of rabies were discovered in the dog by a licensed veterinarian Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grieshaber, Mrs. Jenny Miller, and a son, Raymond Grieshaber were all advised.

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### Supervisors Ask Opinion on Court

The matter of designating Torrance as a municipal court district has been referred to Arthur J. Will, chief administrative officer, for study and report, according to unanimous action taken by the Board of Supervisors.

A report is expected shortly, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

### EDITORIAL

## IT HAPPENED!

A rabid dog was on the loose in Torrance. Such a dog will bite anything in sight—man or beast. If it bites other dogs, they in turn will become rabid and continue the cycle. Child or beast bitten by a rabid dog will die unless subjected to a series of painful Pasteur shots. We may have been lucky this time. So far we do not know if anyone was bitten.

But the tragedy of this situation is that it could have been easily avoided.

As far back as the beginning of 1954, the Torrance Press urged the Torrance City Council to adopt a law requiring all dogs to be vaccinated against rabies.

Our recommendation was totally ignored.

Our City Fathers felt that the idea was "a good thing" and that the council might "kick it around."

But the truth is that the matter was never even discussed by the Council.

One councilman indicated that "we might not act until Los Angeles acts."

Despite overwhelming public support of such a law, the Los Angeles City Council let the issue die—and Torrance did likewise.

Our City Fathers should realize now that a Torrance dog can get rabies regardless of what goes on in Los Angeles.

If there were a law making it compulsory for all dogs to have anti-rabies shots, the fear and the anxiety which now exist in the minds of Torrance residents need never to occur.

We do everything to protect our children against polio. We owe it to them as well to protect them against the fatal and agonizing consequences of rabies. And if we love animals, we owe it also to our dogs.

We cannot undo what has been done, but now is the time to prevent it from happening again. It is time for our City Council to act!

## Council Praises Director, Recreation Commissioners

A unanimous vote of confidence, praising the "integrity, judgment, and, above all, honesty and sincerity" of Harry Van Belleh, director of recreation, and the Recreation Commission was extended by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

The action was taken in the light of a controversy raging over a pitch-and-pull golf course proposed for Seaside park.

The vote of confidence was initiated by Councilman Willys Blount, seconded by Councilman Victor Benstead, and made unanimous by the Council.

It followed after the Council heard two letters dealing with the Seaside issue.

One, signed by Henry Ross, chairman of the Homeowners Committee for Seaside park, asked for the immediate resignation of the entire Recreation Commission and Director Van Belleh. Ross and his group have fought the golf course.

Another letter, in the form of a petition signed by 162 individuals, expressed "confidence" in the Recreation Commission and its director.

However, no action was taken by the Council on the Seaside park issue at this time.

## Big Youth Festival Set Here

A National Youth Day, featuring games, dancing, and prizes will be celebrated in Torrance May 1 at Torrance park, located at Arlington and Santa Fe. Festivities will start at 11:30 a.m. and last until evening.

The event is sponsored by the newly formed BPOEiks lodge of Torrance.

The festival is open to all Torrance children and teenagers from four years old and up, according to Frank Burk and Jack Spencer, co-chairmen of the event.

Games for small children will run from relay races to marble.

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## Fires Erupt In City

Fires, fanned at times by strong winds kept Torrance firemen working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. There were three fires Monday and seven Tuesday.

Monday's big fire with a raging wind constantly hampering progress and one fire engine conking out on the job, occurred at the Torrance dump. Firemen remained at the scene from 1:15 p.m. till 8:30 p.m. under the direction of En. Chief T. N. Whitney.

That same day the wall curtain in the council chamber of the city hall caught on fire burning a 25 square inch hole.

Firemen fought another blaze at another dump Tuesday. This time it was Green's hog ranch at 190th St. and Beryl. The men, under the direction of Capt. Joe Warren, remained at the scene from 1:34 a.m. till 5 p.m.

Old abandoned timber at an oil sump located at Sepulveda and Madrona caused the engine to roll Wednesday noon.

## NG ALERT CALLED

"Operation Minuteman," nationwide alert testing the National Guard's efficiency at a moment's notice, was called last night.

Company E of Torrance, led by Commander Douglas J. Horlander, was sent to guard Harvey Aluminum.

Company B, led by Capt. Gil Tuilfoyle, was stationed at General Petroleum.

## I Say There, Hurray, Sold It Right Away

Listen, my friends and I shall tell Of a classified ad which sold right well, O. H. Newbert, the story goes, Had himself a headful of woes.

He had a rug which he didn't want, Yet selling it was the difficult stunt.

"What shall I do?" He thought, "I guess I'll try an ad in The Torrance Press."

He did it and presto! for little money Sold his rug quickly as a bunny!

This is the moral: Man alive, For results just call FA. 8-2345.

A call, a few words—it's all so quick, Just try it, you'll find it will do the trick.

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## Hearings Called For Oil Sump Ordinance

An oil sump ordinance "with teeth in it" has been recommended to the City Council and hearings on the proposed ordinance will be held before the Planning Commission.

This action was taken by the Council Tuesday night upon a resolution proposed by Deputy Attorney Stanley Remelmeier.

The proposed ordinance calls for the following four provisions:

(1) The removal of all wooden derricks on existing wells both producing and non-producing;

(2) All future drilling of new wells, or deepening of wells, or other work on new or existing wells, be accomplished with the aid of portable metal drilling masts;

(3) The removal of all existing sumps and prohibiting the digging or use of sumps in the future, excepting only sumps of a portable nature;

(4) Requiring that all moving parts of wells be enclosed with a chain linked fence eight feet in height.

The Torrance Press has been campaigning for such an ordinance for more than three years, ever since a Torrance youngster lost a leg on an unfenced pump. The resolution calls for such an ordinance because certain oil and gas wells "menace the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the city of Torrance."

## Man Crushed To Death By Rock Slide

Trapped beneath a rock slide, Glendon M. Durham, 37, of Los Angeles, a prisoner with the Los Angeles County road camp No. 7, was killed Friday morning during excavation work. He was working at the south end of Crenshaw boulevard, extending 4000 feet north of Palos Verdes Drive South.

Durham was obviously dead when the Fire Department and Lennox sheriffs arrived, according to police files.

James B. Dozier, 47, of the road camp, heard the shouts of workers as he drove up in his truck.

Apparently Durham tried to escape the slide as the rocks started to crumble, but was pinned to the ground, having taken the wrong path.

## City Sues Mayor

In an unusual move, the city of Torrance this week had to sue its mayor in order to get him to sign a lease agreement with Coldwell-Banker, proposed developers of the 33-acre airport triangle shopping center.

Mayor Albert Isen, in explaining his refusal to sign the agreement, stated:

"Personally I am in favor of the commercial airport development. But the question is a legal one. It is too important for the Council to decide legalities without the court determining the matter."

A petition for a writ of mandate has been filed by the city in the District Court of Appeals, according to City Attorney James Hall. Mayor Isen will either have to show cause why he refrained from signing the contract or be ordered to sign it, if the court will hear the case.

If the Appellate Court refused to hear the matter, the issue will be taken to the Superior Court.

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## Woman, 39, Dies in Collision

Killed in a collision at 166th street and Arlington avenue late Sunday night was Mrs. Catherine McGiffin, 39, of 1068 Avenue B, Redondo Beach.

The accident occurred when a car driven by A. C. Geavin, 17, of 1815 West 166th street Torrance, collided with a car driven by William McGiffin, Jr., 36, of 1068 Avenue B, Redondo Beach.

McGiffin was going south on Arlington and Geavin was going east on 166th street.

Receiving minor injuries were William T. McGiffin, III, and Patsy Geavin, 18.

## MIRACLE SHOT



ONE OF THE FIRST to receive the Salk vaccine in Torrance this week was Bobby Huntington, 7, of 22222 Redbeam, a student at Seaside elementary school. Administering the shot is Dr. Ben Kogan, district health officer, assisted by Mrs. Roscoe Wood, volunteer worker. Bobby received his shot Monday, and, from the looks of things, it didn't hurt at all!

## KIDS RECEIVE POLIO SHOTS

The shooting season in the Torrance area — polio shots, that is — was off to a good start this week as first and second graders lined up for their shots, though occasionally with mixed feelings.

The Los Angeles County Health Department has changed the schedule from a three-shot schedule to a two-shot schedule.

The two shots will be completed at each school by May 27. A booster shot will follow not less than seven months later. Parents may have to pay for the third shot, it was revealed.

Schedule for the remaining schools in this area is as follows:

Today — Manhattan Heights, Curtis, Hermosa View, North South, Jefferson, Fern Greenwood, Madrona, Nativity, Grant, Friday — Grant, Jefferson.

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## Jack Dabbs Hurt in Fall

Jack Dabbs, of 1640 Juniper, local theater manager and insurance broker, suffered possible broken ribs and fingers when he fell off a ladder Tuesday at the Grand Theater, according to Torrance Fire Department records.

Dabbs was rushed to the Torrance Medical Center. Administering first aid at the scene of the accident were Firemen Jay Nielsen and Leo Palumbo.

## Nationwide 'Do It Yourself' Contest Won By Local Woman

Mrs. Joan Brown of 4114 W. 174th st., Torrance, is a happy woman and a celebrity in her own right this week.

She was informed that she won first place in the Painting and Wallpapering category of a national "Do It Yourself" contest sponsored by the Woman's Home Companion, winning a \$289 Shopsmith, which combines a power saw, drill press, lathe, and sander in one.

The Shopsmith was presented to her Saturday by G. M. Naylor, owner of Torrance Hardware, which handles the Shopsmith dealership.

Given Corsage

Naylor also presented Mrs. Brown with an orchid corsage on behalf of his store.

Mrs. Brown won first place for having the best decorated children's room. Having decorated it herself, she gave it a fairyland theme, featuring Snow White and the seven dwarfs and other fairy-tale characters.

The awards will be announced in the May issue of the Woman's Home Companion.

Two Children

Mrs. Brown and her husband, John, have lived in Torrance two years. The Browns have two children, Christine, 3, and Suzanne, 1. Mr. Brown is employed at North American.

"I think I let out a scream when I found out that I had won," said the happy housewife. "When I entered the contest I made my husband promise that he would build me whatever I wanted. He'll have to stick to his promise now. Of course we're both very happy."



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## 2 Businessmen Killed In Laguna Auto Crash

Two prominent businessmen, one a Torrance resident, were killed Monday night when their automobile struck a utility pole south of Dana Point near Laguna Beach.

Dead are Lloyd Dennee, 39,

and Edwin Peters, 41, of 1216 Maple avenue, Torrance. Dennee was the owner of Lloyd Dennee's TV and appliance store in Hawthorne. Peters was manager of the store.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Hardin and Flanagan mortuary, 635 Prairie avenue, Inglewood. Peters will be buried first, to be followed by Dennee, who will be given a Masonic service.

Dennee opened business in Hawthorne in 1947. Peters had been his store manager for five years.

Originally three stores, the present store was consolidated into one location (El Segundo and Hawthorne avenue). Mrs. Dennee will carry on the business, it was disclosed.

Dennee, who was born in Redondo Beach, is survived by his wife, Maxine; three children, David, 14, Cheryl, 12, Douglas, 10; his mother and father, Mr.

and Mrs. Fred V. Dennee of Redondo Beach; brother, Floyd and sister Mildred of Redondo Beach; sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Sowers of Redondo Beach and Mrs. Ruth Whipps of Wilmington.

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Two die . . .



EDWIN PETERS  
... in crash.